

Emergency Medical Services

Table 35 shows Emergency Medical Services response to collisions in Idaho. EMS response to collisions indicates the number of collisions where an EMS unit responded to a collision and transported persons to medical facilities.

Table 35 Emergency Medical Services Response to Collisions: 1996-1999						
	1996	1997	1998	1999	Change 1998-99	Avg. Yearly Change 1996-98
Total Collisions	23,529	23,839	24,041	25,076	4.3%	1.1%
EMS Response to Collisions	5,018	5,819	5,917	6,282	6.2%	8.8%
% of Collisions	21.3%	24.4%	24.6%	25.1%	1.8%	7.6%
Persons Injured in Collisions	14,275	14,133	13,920	14,069	1.1%	-1.3%
Injured Transported by EMS	6,061	6,317	5,940	6,140	3.4%	-0.9%
% of Injured Transported	42.5%	44.7%	42.7%	43.6%	2.3%	0.4%
Trapped and Extricated	561	535	518	546	5.4%	-3.9%
Fatal/Serious Injuries Transported by Helicopter	122	148	146	148	1.4%	10.0%

The availability and quality of services provided by local Emergency Medical Services may mean the difference between life and death for someone injured in a traffic collision. Improved post-crash victim care works to reduce the severity of trauma incurred by collision victims. The sooner someone receives appropriate medical care, the better the chances of recovery. This care is especially critical in rural areas because of the time needed to transport a victim to a trauma hospital.